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## STATE PRINTER ON THE RACK

### MORE ROTTEO WORK IS PRODUCED

#### INVESTIGATING SCHEME TO ROB THE PUBLIC

True Democrat: During the past few days the State printer appeared in the office of Hon. M. H. Mabry, clerk of the Supreme Court, with an armful of objects purporting to be copies of the 45th volume of Supreme Court reports, and, dumping them down with a flourish, announced that the work thereon was completed, and that he would like to have a receipt for the same. Judge Mabry is naturally deliberate, and his judicial habit, as well as his sense of duty, prompted him to examine the objects, with a view to ascertaining the right of the printer to procure a receipt. Judge of his surprise and disgust when he found in the volumes an example of just about the rottenest piece of public work ever turned out in the State of Florida.

Of course, Judge Mabry called the attention of the justices of the court, and the Attorney-general (to whom, in fact, the delivery should have been made, as the official reporter of the court), to the shameful condition of the work, and those officials promptly refused to receive it, and referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, whose function is to enter into contract with the State printer and see that he fulfills his contract in every particular.

At the present writing the board has the matter under advisement, but it can scarcely be possible that it will accept the work, and order payment to be made therefor, in the face of the protests of the Supreme Court justices and the official reporter of the court.

#### STOCKGROWERS' DAY

Will Meet at Tampa Fair on Monday, November 20.

Morday, November 20, has been designated as Stockgrowers' Day at the Tampa Fair. The Southeastern Stockgrowers' Association will hold a convention in Tampa on that date.

At this meeting, President Gaitskill, of Marion county, will tell about the work the association is doing, and as an object lesson, will exhibit at the fair half a dozen half-bred heifers with their three-quarter bred calves by their sides. President Brown of the Fair Association says there will be the largest exhibition of live stock ever collected in this State.

The judges will be experienced men, and our stockmen will be able to see and hear much that will be of profound interest to them. Senator Carson and John M. Lee, of Osceola county, will tell what sheep they think best to cross on native ewes. R. Bass, of Osceola, will tell what effect good blood has on the native cow. G. Murphy, of Manatee county, will give his observations of the results of good bulls on the range, and other talks will be made by practical stock men from various parts of the State, so that the meeting is bound to be of great interest to the cow men, and all who are interested in the development of the live stock interests throughout the State.

#### DEBATING CLUB

Young Men Organize and Hold Interesting Meeting.

The Young Men's Debating Club met Monday evening, November 7.

No program having been arranged an impromptu debate was held. Subject: "Resolved, That the love of money has more influence over man than his love for woman."

The subject was handled in a learned manner by the orators, and for the lack of competent judges, left open for future discussion.

The following officers were then elected: E. F. Childers, president; A. B. Halsell, vice-president; H. M. Whidden, secretary; W. D. Turnley, critic.

The committee on program for the next meeting, which will be held next Monday evening, adopted the following subject for debate: "Resolved, That compulsory education is more desirable than our present system."

D. H. Scott will favor the club with a reading on some interesting subject. All young men are cordially invited.

Latest styles Ladies' Misses and Children's Hats at reduced prices at Carlton's. We guarantee our line the lowest ever shown in Florida.

## THE ORANGE MARKET CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED BY THE PACKER

The New York Packer says: A very brisk movement in Florida oranges is noticeable. Indications are that the fruit will carry better this year than in previous years. The quality of the fruit as a general rule is excellent. Last year's crop was damaged considerably by rains. Some dealers and forwarders estimate that this year's crop is 20 per cent better than last year. The packing houses throughout the State are generally employing good forces. In some sections the growers say that dealers are not buying as readily as conditions will permit and for this reason a good many are forming connections on a commission basis.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. reports an excellent movement of oranges from the Charlotte Harbor division. One of the well-known railroad men estimated that at least 25 car loads of fruit is moving from that section every day. The oranges are ripening well now and the movement is fast becoming general. The receipts of oranges on the New York market are increasing but there is yet some complaint about the quality. The general objection being that the fruit is too green for such grades. Values are irregular and the lower figure is to be expected. The average sales are within a range from \$2 to \$3, while some fancy high colored fruit sells as high as \$3.50.

#### TWO PHARISEES

A Fictionless Fable in Rhyme by Will Maupin of the Commoner.

A Pharisee of gracious mein who loved of all men to be seen, once to the temple took his way to pose before the world and pray. And lifting up his cunning eyes towards the bright and sunny skies he gave loud thanks—the story ran—he was not like the pharisee.

The Pharisee of whom you've read has for a long, long time been dead; but in his place in every land some other Pharisee will stand, and standing thus will pray aloud—not to the Father, but to the crowd—and then imagine he is viewed with honor by the multitude.

A man with overwhelming gall who answers to the name McCall, swiped fifty thousand plunks or more belonging to the widows' store, and gave it to a sleek campaign in hopes to add unto his gain, but raised his pious eyes on high and prayed—and worked graft on the sly.

"Thank God," he said, "I did not swerve, but strove our honor to preserve." And as he prayed his pockets bulged with wealth secured by schemes divulged despite his loud emphatic plea that none were quite so pure as he. And with a nerve sublime he tried to point to his career with pride.

The Pharisee of olden time has long since struck another clime, and all the world declares with vim 'tis surely not enough for him. The Pharisee who grateful feels because the profits of his steals were spent to further other schemes will sometimes feel just how it seems.

#### MORAL:

This life is full of guile and strife But graft lurks in the New York life.

#### A Card of Thanks.

The gratitude we feel in behalf of the children to their many friends in Arcadia who shared in the generous, overwhelming contribution of clothing, groceries, pork, etc., is beyond expression. When Uncle Wesley drove in Mr. Bean tried to persuade him that he had made a mistake and had brought his wagon load to the wrong place. But Uncle Wesley was not easily persuaded, and when the number of buggies drove in bringing the happy party consisting of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Steve Carlton, Mrs. W. H. Simmons and Miss Bell Aull. They said that Uncle Wesley had made no mistake. Their happy faces bespoke: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We are truly grateful to these mother friends and co-workers in this blessed work for their gifts of love and for collecting this bounty. We also humbly thank every one who contributed to this wagon load of good things and \$21.00 in cash. We are trying to teach the children gratitude, and, indeed, this made their hearts glad. We are praying for and working to this end, that these children will rise and call you blessed.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Yours for the children, MOTHER BEAN.

Try a pair of those Crockett shoes for men; price \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$5.00, in all leathers, makes, size, walk easy, sold by Arcadia Mercantile Company.

## A PLEA FOR STATE ECONOMY

### SCHEMES TO DEFAUD THE PEOPLE

#### EXTRAVAGANCE AND INCREASED TAXATION

Jasper News: It would appear to a person of ordinary intelligence that one dollar would be just as good as another, supposing that the purchasing power were the same.

But, such is not the case at all times, nor with all people.

Many persons have a particular fondness, a peculiar hankering after, and an unutterable yearning for the government dollar. They are ready and willing to forsake all other kinds of dollars for the sake of possessing the government dollar.

And, strange to say, the peculiarities of the government dollar are what should make it repulsive instead of attractive.

Its chief peculiarity consists in the fact that it is the dollar which is wrung from people by taxation for unjust, unwise and unnecessary purposes. It is composed, too, not only of silver or gold, but also of the widow's mite; the orphan's little savings; the earnings of the cripple, and the hard labor of the poor.

It is but a few weeks ago that a lawyer of national reputation gave up a practice said to be worth fifty thousand dollars a year to accept an office which doesn't pay as many hundreds.

Government dollars seem to possess a strange, but powerful influence.

And every time the legislature of Florida meets, more and more of these government dollars are coined and put in circulation. Coined by extravagant legislation. Legislation providing for increased expenses, and increased expenses means increased taxation.

Years ago when the Republicans had possession of our State government the enormous taxes were all attributed to Republican rascality. Our cry then was, "turn the rascals out." "Just give honest Democrats a chance and we'll show you a government of the people, for the people and by the people, in which no more taxes shall be levied than are necessary for the expenses of the government economically administered."

Since that time our State has doubled in population and quadrupled in wealth, but the burden of taxation is greater than ever.

Honest Democrats are running things, too.

Just a little while ago the State of Florida received the payment of her Indian War claims from the national government; a sum large enough to have wiped out our entire State debt and left a surplus in the treasury, but it wasn't done. That large sum is now numbered with the things that used to be and the taxpayers are still paying interest on a large bonded indebtedness.

Extravagance runs riot at every session of the legislature, and the people pay the bills.

It is high time to put a stop to it.

But a few years ago it was seriously proposed that the people of Florida should throw away their State capitol and pay a half million of dollars to build one somewhere else, solely for the benefit of a few individuals. The people sat down on that project—and they sat down hard.

Now, similar schemes are again on foot to extort money from the taxpayers, from which the large mass of them will never receive benefits to the value of one penny.

The thing for the people to do is to reject every scheme or proposed project which has to be supported by taxation except the necessary expenses of the government economically administered.

We will have more to say about these schemes in the future.

## DEMOCRATS WIN

### MANY GAINS TO THE PARTY IN THE ELECTIONS

Interest in Tuesday's elections, outside of the States in which elections were held, was mainly in the municipal contests in New York and Philadelphia, says the Savannah News. In New York there was great surprise that Hearst, the independent candidate, run so close to McClellan, the regular Democratic nominee, for Mayor, and there was rejoicing that Jerome, the independent candidate for district attorney, was reelected.

There are reasons for thinking that if the campaign had lasted a few days more Hearst would have been elected. When he became a candidate it was thought he would make a good race, but it wasn't believed that he had much of a chance for success.

It is evident that the things he stands for has a strong hold upon the people of New York City. He is against the grafting system that prevails among the politicians of the dominant party there, and against the special privileges which the corporations enjoy and out of which great fortunes are accumulated. His candidacy was a protest against the power exerted by great wealth in the hands of a favored few. Ostensibly he was for municipal ownership of public utilities, but it is doubtful if that feature of his platform cut much of a figure in the contest.

It is a question if Hearst himself expected to be elected. He lacked an organization and also workers at the polls. He has demonstrated, however, that he has a following, and it is safe to conclude that he will be heard from again upon a wider field.

In Philadelphia the City party, which is the party of the reformers, was overwhelmingly successful. The returns indicate that the "gang" which controlled the regular Republican organization, was beaten in almost every ward. That means that the purification of the politics of the city that was begun some months ago, and which was inaugurated by an uprising of the people, will be continued, and that the city, for a time at least, will have an honest government. It means also that the party bosses and officials who have filled their pockets at the expense of the taxpayers will have to make restitution and also pay the penalty of their wrong doing.

In the State elections the chief interest was in Maryland where negro disfranchisement was the issue and in Massachusetts where tariff reform, in the shape of reciprocity treaties, was the question that commanded the most attention during the campaign. The decision seems to have been against negro disfranchisement in Maryland. In that case a heavy blow has been struck at Senator Gorman's leadership of the Democratic party in that State, and if tariff reform has been approved in Massachusetts Senator Lodge's leadership of the Republican party in that State has been greatly weakened. The returns at this writing do not make it clear what the result of the election in respect to that question was.

In Ohio the republican machine was badly wrecked, and it is believed that Patterson the Democratic candidate was elected.

The wave of reform swept over Philadelphia, and the Democrats were successful in the State.

#### Cuban Tomatoes.

The E. R. Brackett Co. are expecting their first shipment of Havana tomatoes this week. Last year this house handled 30,000 crates of Cuban tomatoes and they are counting on swelling that number to 70,000 or 80,000 this season. They say there is every indication for a big supply of Havana tomatoes in this country up until February or March when the East Coast staff starts in. The early crop of Florida tomatoes is almost a nonentity this year, as the crop is gradually diminished for the last few years and has received a further set-back this season by the washouts of the summer.

When you visit the State Fair see Hobbs & Knight, they have a complete and up-to-date line of vehicles, harness, saddles, etc.

#### IN THE JUNGLE.



Mr. Monk: "I'm so sorry I haven't a pipe or cigar to offer you, Mr. Elephant."



The Elephant: "Oh, that's all right—the stove will do just as well!"

## OPENING OF GREAT FAIR

### IN TAMPA ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

#### EVENT OF MAGNIFICENCE AND VAST IMPORTANCE

Don't fail to attend the great Florida State Fair, to be held in Tampa Nov. 15 to 30, as in every feature it will be the most successful State fair ever held in the South. Every building on the fair grounds, seven in number, has been completed and is in readiness for use.

The buildings and grounds are the largest and most beautiful in the South. Governor Broward will conduct the opening ceremonies, and it is probable that Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, the distinguished secretary of the treasury, will assist him. Secretary Shaw will visit the fair without fail. The parade feature will be the grandest ever seen in Florida, and ample accommodations at reasonable rates are assured every visitor.

A bureau of information has been established at a central point in the city, from which visitors will be directed to comfortable homes, and men employed for this purpose will meet trains arriving day and night.

Forty of the finest amusement attractions ever brought South will be seen at the Fair. Principal among these will be the great spectacular production, "Fighting the Flames," which has never appeared before except at Coney Island and Toronto, Canada.

Troop C, Twelfth United States Cavalry, the most noted in Uncle Sam's service, will also prove a great attraction, the maneuvers of the troop being given in connection with the marvelous fireworks and electrical display eruption of Mont Pelée.

Every attraction secured is novel and up-to-date, and absolutely nothing of an unclean nature will be allowed on the grounds. Neither will gambling in any form be allowed.

Not less than 150 of the finest race horses in the country, many of which have already arrived, will enter the races, for which purses amounting to \$10,000 have been offered.

#### SUGGESTS DR. CRILL

Palatka News Launches Gubernatorial Candidacy of Eminent Citizen.

Palatka News: You can't help it and probably don't want to. But the live men of the State whose business takes them into hotel lobbies and other places where men congregate will and do spend their idle moments in discussing available candidates for the Governorship and other political matters. These men are the kind who make sentiment. They, too, usually come nearest to voicing current opinion.

At the Saratoga Hotel the other evening were a dozen commercial men. The subject came up. Then John McRae, the big, vigorous and always interesting and popular representative of the Covington Company, spoke: "I am for George W. Wilson, of the Times-Union. I have known him for years. Most of the people know him. He is a good, clean, capable man and would give the State a good administration without any frills. Don't know whether he could be nominated or not, but—well, primaries are peculiar."

There were one or two assents to the proposition, then another man—a Jacksonville man whose name we did not learn—spoke up:

"The best man I know for the office of Governor of Florida lives right here in Palatka. I mean Dr. E. S. Crill. There is the man to give us an intelligent business administration with no nonsense and no graft attachment. He is the best posted man regarding State finances in Florida. He knows the State from A to Izzard. He is absolutely honest. Good many cheap guys jumped on him last spring when he introduced that Key West extension bill in the Senate. Said he was a railroad man. He was, but not in the sense they meant. Now those guys sing a different song. They see that this Key West Railway extension is going to prove the biggest thing that ever happened to Florida. It's going to shove all Cuban travel and freight through Florida, and it's going to make of the Island City the one important, because nearest and most direct, point of embarkation for the Panama Canal. That was Senator Crill's work, and not only that, but he has saved the State of Florida a heap by introducing his

## PROFIT IN HOGS

### GOOD SUGGESTIONS AND PRACTICAL HINTS

Tampa Times: The following little local item from the Zolfo Advertiser of the 3rd instant is the sort of stuff which shows the progress being made by south Florida farmers in the direction which the Times has been for years earnestly calling to their attention:

"Fritz Williams, of Crewsville, had about 150 head of hogs loaded here for shipment to Tampa yesterday. They were furnished by stock raisers in the Crewsville section, and brought four cents per pound, live weight, in the stock pen here."

Four cents per pound, live weight, delivered at the station, is a very fair price for hogs, and is twice the money they cost the producer. As this paper has continually insisted, Florida can produce as good hogs, and do it as cheaply, as the great recognized hog producing section of the west. Our farmers have only to turn their attention to this branch of industry to become as wealthy and as influential as the same class of people in any section of the country.

Those farmers in the vicinity of Crewsville will not have to borrow money to pay their taxes, nor for any other purpose. They are on the right track, and when things get to that stage when every farmer in south Florida will market from ten to two hundred head of fat porkers every year the problem of wealth and prosperity for this part of the State will be fully solved for all time.

It is almost needless to add that there is fully as much, probably more, money in cattle than in hogs. Look about, over every country in this section, and see who are the richest men. With scarcely an exception they are the men who have for years been engaged in raising cattle. Look about the vicinities of the various cities and towns and list the people who are well to do, who have enough to live on with more than comfort, and it will be found that they are those who have diversified their work, who have had a few hogs to sell, who have marketed milk and butter and chickens and eggs.

This entire section of the State is more adapted to successful farming along these varied lines than any other spot on which the sun shines. Not only is the work simpler and easier, but the market is constant the year round, the returns are sure, the prices are good and there is a demand for everything produced on the farm.

#### IN NEW YORK FIRM

W. H. Reynolds Joins Mason M. Clark & Co. of That City.

New York Packer: W. H. Reynolds, of Heard & Reynolds, orange brokers of Arcadia, Fla., has joined the well-known firm of Mason M. Clark & Co. Mr. Reynolds has made an excellent reputation with his Golden Eagle brand pack of citrus fruit and brings to the firm prestige and a reputation for business integrity.

The late Mason M. Clark founded the house about eight years ago, built up a splendid business and became one of the leaders in the trade. His untimely death about two months ago created a loss which was keenly felt by the street. The many friends of the founder of the firm are pleased to know that the name of Mason M. Clark is to be perpetuated in an enterprising and thoroughly up-to-date concern.

#### NOW IN COURT

Backman Law Will Be Under Fire by Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has granted the petition of the State of Florida on relation of the Attorney General et al. to bring quo warranto proceedings against the members of the Board of Control to show by what authority they exercise the rights as officials of such board. The writ is made returnable November 23. The petition was presented to the court by Judge Arch Henry of Lake City.

head full of conservative brains to prevent ill-advised legislation. I am for Crill and I believe he could be nominated."

Several of those present also spoke in approval of Dr. Crill. Then Mr. McRae said: "Dr. Crill is undoubtedly one of the purest men in politics in this or any other State. I don't know as he would run, but I will say that if he was Governor of Florida there would be an end to graft and the affairs of State would be conducted in a dignified manner—something that has not always been during these latter years."

Traveling men not only sell goods, but they build political sentiment, and their utterances are generally of the most sensible sort.